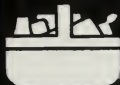


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# CONSUMER TIPS > >

(Information from Consumer Division, OPA)

## MATERIALS

1. Don't buy new materials unless absolutely necessary.
2. There is no official "blackout material."
3. Curtains need not be black; must pass no light when held before lighted electric bulb.
4. Use present drapes if suitable; blankets, quilts, rugs.

## CONSTRUCTION

1. Curtains must cover window, admit air, hide all light.
2. For loose curtains, material should be one and one-half times area of window. When hung, curtains should extend at least 8 inches above & on sides of window frame; hang to floor,

lap at least 3 inches at center, fastened with buttons, hooks or ties.

3. To adapt present drapes: If too thin, line on side toward window; if too narrow, add wide border; If too small, fasten to window frame on all sides with hooks.
4. For roller curtains, roller must fit tightly up into frame - shade fit against sides, be fastened at bottom.
5. Instead of curtains, wooden frame covered with plywood or dark oilcloth may be hooked tightly over window.

#### GENERAL RULES

1. Curtain one room for use in blackouts.
2. Do not paste dark paper over windows; blocks sunlight.
3. Do not paint windows; black paint absorbs heat of sun faster than glass, threatens breakage.
4. Keep curtains near window or permanently in place. CT-74

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